

PORT PROXY METHOD AND SYSTEM
FOR SERVER AND CLIENT COMPUTERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for serving software applications to remote clients across
5 the internet, for example, is disclosed that preferably utilizes standard, SMB (server
message block), protocols, which are available in commercial operating systems.
Further, an associated business method is described in which subscribing institutions
can out-source the application serving to a third party institution, transparently. Finally,
a port proxy system is provided that enables tunneling through firewalls that are
10 configured to block communications from SMB ports.